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Inspection Report

Permit Number:	C0070016		
Inspection Type:	PARTIAL		
Inspection Date:	Wednesday, October 05, 2005		
Start Date/Time:	10/5/2005 9:30:00 AM		
End Date/Time:	10/5/2005 5:00:00 PM		
Last Inspection:	Wednesday, September 21, 2005		

Inspector: Joe Helfrich, Environmental Scientist III

Weather: <u>Sunny, windy, 45</u> InspectionID Report Number: 754

Accepted by: whedberg 11/7/2005

Permitee: MOUNTAIN COAL CO
Operator: MOUNTAIN COAL CO

Site: GORDON CREEK 2, 7 & 8 MINES
Address: HC 35 BOX 380, HELPER UT 84526

County: CARBON

Permit Type: PERMANENT COAL PROGRAM

Permit Status: RECLAIMED

Current Acreages

180.00	Total Permitted		
34.88	Total Disturbed		
	Phase I		
	Phase II		
	Phase III		

Mineral Ownership Types of Operations

✓ Federal	Underground
State	Surface
☐ County	Loadout
✓ Fee	Processing
Other	Reprocessing

Report summary and status for pending enforcement actions, permit conditions, Division Orders, and amendments:

The purpose of this site visit was to conduct a partial inspection of the Gordon Creek reclaimed site. There are no amendments pending. There were no compliance issues or off site impacts noted during the inspection.

Inspector's Signature

Date

Thursday, October 06, 2005

Joe Helfrich, Environmental Scientist III Inspector ID Number: 1

Note: This inspection report does not constitute an affidavit of compliance with the regulatory program of the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining.

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REVIEW OF PERMIT, PERFORMANCE STANDARDS PERMIT CONDITION REQUIREMENTS

- 1. Substantiate the elements on this inspection by checking the appropriate performance standard.
 a. For COMPLETE inspections provide narrative justification for any elements not fully inspected unless element is not appropriate to the site, in which case check Not Applicable. b. For PARTIAL inspections check only the elements evaluated.
- 2. Document any noncompliance situation by reference the NOV issued at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
- Reference any narratives written in conjunction with this inspection at the appropriate performace standard listed below.
 Provide a brief status report for all pending enforcement actions, permit conditions, Divison Orders, and amendments.

		Evaluated	Not Applicable	Comment	Enforcement
1.	Permits, Change, Transfer, Renewal, Sale	✓		✓	
2.	Signs and Markers	✓		✓	
3.	Topsoil				
4.a	Hydrologic Balance: Diversions				
4.b	Hydrologic Balance: Sediment Ponds and Impoundments	✓		✓	
4.c	Hydrologic Balance: Other Sediment Control Measures				
4.d	Hydrologic Balance: Water Monitoring				
4.e	Hydrologic Balance: Effluent Limitations				
5.	Explosives				
6.	Disposal of Excess Spoil, Fills, Benches				
7.	Coal Mine Waste, Refuse Piles, Impoundments				
8.	Noncoal Waste				
9.	Protection of Fish, Wildlife and Related Environmental Issues	✓		✓	
10.	Slides and Other Damage				
11.	Contemporaneous Reclamation				
12.	Backfilling And Grading				
13.	Revegetation				
14.	Subsidence Control				
15.	Cessation of Operations				
16.8	a Roads: Construction, Maintenance, Surfacing				
16.	Roads: Drainage Controls				
17.	Other Transportation Facilities				
18.	Support Facilities, Utility Installations				
19.	AVS Check				
20.	Air Quality Permit				
21.	Bonding and Insurance				
22.	Other				

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1. Permits, Change, Transfer, Renewal, Sale

The permit for this reclaimed site was renewed effective August 28, 2004 and expires August 30, 2008.

2. Signs and Markers

Signs with the required information were posted at the access to the reclaimed site. The fencing at the upper end of the property used to control livestock and wildlife access remains in place. The fence has been mashed down in several places. However, this is not an issue as there are no livestock in the area.

4.b Hydrologic Balance: Sediment Ponds and Impoundments

The main cell of the sediment pond contained water from recent storms. The upper catch basin or Jacob's pond was nearly dry. The pond and associated spring are being utilized primarily by elk and deer.

9. Protection of Fish, Wildlife and Related Environmental Issues

The reclaimed area is being grazed by a herd of elk and a few deer. The elk are feeding and bedding on the reclaimed site. The elk have also developed wallows in several areas below the spring located on the slope above Jacob's pond.